

WHAT DOES THIS SERVICE DO & HOW CAN IT HELP ME?

Macarthur Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service is a free service for women and their children to access information, referrals, support or advocacy relating to their domestic and/or family violence situation.

Our service works in a holistic way ensuring that women are given appropriate and professional advice or referrals. We can assist women in the following ways:

- ◆ information about getting an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order,
- ◆ support at Campbelltown, Camden and Picton Court while going through the process of getting an ADVO,
- ◆ appropriate referrals to services that may assist women and/or her children,
- ◆ advocacy with other agencies such as Police, Centrelink, Housing NSW etc.,
- ◆ assistance with legal representation (subject to assessment) if ADVO's are applied through the Chamber Magistrate or if she is a female defendant and has been a victim with that person in the past,
- ◆ good knowledge of service available in the area to best suit the woman's needs,
- ◆ referrals to appropriate counsellors,
- ◆ referrals to appropriate and professional Solicitors,
- ◆ information about applying for Victim's Compensation and/or counselling through Victim's Services.

We currently have 8 workers and are able to offer case management. We have an Aboriginal Specialist Worker (Brenda) and also a CALD Specialist Worker (Sesilia) as part of the team. Our service is free. If you would like any information in relation to

domestic and family violence please contact us on the number below.